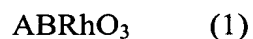


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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) An exhaust gas purifying catalyst comprising a composite oxide having a perovskite structure represented by the general formula (1):



wherein A represents at least one element selected from only rare-earth elements ~~essentially including one or more rare-earth elements~~ each having a valence of 3 as the only valence and arbitrarily including Ce and/or Pr; and B represents Al and/or at least one element selected from transition elements excluding Co, Rh and the rare-earth elements, ~~and~~ Al.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Canceled).

5. (Original) The exhaust gas purifying catalyst according to claim 1, wherein Pt is further supported.

6. (Canceled).